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Title : Statement regarding correcting reply to Unstarred Question No. 2679 dated 10th August 2005 in relation to quality of Medical Diagnostic Kits and giving reasons for delay in correcting the reply.

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS) Sir, on behalf of my colleague, Shrimati Panabaka Lakshmi, I invite attention to the reply given to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2679 for 10th August 2005, regarding Quality of Medical Diagnostic Kits. The name of the institution in the reply to the parts "e" and "f" of the question has been inadvertently shown as Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (HSCC). The institution, which has been appointed for procurement of diagnostic test kits is Hindustan Latex Ltd. (HLL). The correct reply is reproduced below:

" (e) and (f). Yes Sir. Since 1.4.2005, NACO has appointed Hindustan Latex Ltd. (HLL), a Government of India undertaking under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare as procurement Agent."

As soon as this came to notice, steps have been taken to correct the reply.

(Placed in Library, See No. LT 2766/2005)

12.08 hrs.